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## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1989

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### ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

### PRICES

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

### BUILDING

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### RETAIL TRADE

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

### PRODUCTION

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### BANKS

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

### OVERSEAS TRADE

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) (\$7.50)

*Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0) (\$7.50)

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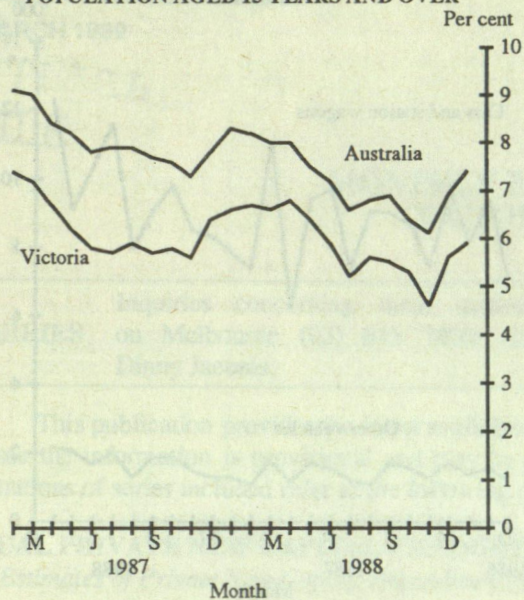
## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, VICTORIA, FEBRUARY 1989

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Jan 89	1,591.6	1,627.7	1,591.4	1,596.1	1,565.6	1.7	6,001.2	3.0
	- total	'000	Jan 89	1,957.4	2,034.3	1,991.4	1,967.4	1,913.3	2.3	7,406.6	3.7
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Jan 89	90.8	86.3	73.2	81.4	108.3	-16.2	477.5	-11.9
	- total	'000	Jan 89	122.8	121.0	97.1	109.9	134.5	-8.7	592.0	-8.2
Labour force		'000	Jan 89	2,080.3	2,155.3	2,088.5	2,077.3	2,047.8	1.6	7,998.6	2.7
Participation rate	per cent		Jan 89	62.0	64.3	62.4	62.1	61.9	0.2	62.1	0.5
Unemployment rate	per cent		Jan 89	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.3	6.6	-10.6	7.4	-10.8
Job vacancies		'000	Nov 88	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	11.3	72.6	66.7	27.8
Overtime worked per employee	hours		Nov 88	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.69	-7.7	1.48	1.4
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -		\$	Aug 88	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	447.10	6.4	470.90	6.0
Males		\$	Aug 88	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	472.80	6.7	497.80	5.8
Females		\$	Aug 88	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	394.50	6.5	415.00	6.7
All employees total earnings		\$	Aug 88	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	395.40	5.5	415.70	5.9
Males		\$	Aug 88	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	454.50	7.0	486.20	6.4
Females		\$	Aug 88	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	311.70	4.1	319.60	5.7
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index		Dec qr 88	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	164.9	10.6	177.9	9.7
Clothing	index		Dec qr 88	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	163.6	8.5	176.0	7.4
Housing	index		Dec qr 88	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	183.9	11.2	199.7	14.5
Household equipment & operation	index		Dec qr 88	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	173.1	4.6	181.8	6.1
Transportation	index		Dec qr 88	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	181.4	0.0	191.7	2.7
Tobacco & alcohol	index		Dec qr 88	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	190.1	6.2	206.0	5.2
Health & personal care	index		Dec qr 88	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	177.7	8.4	181.5	7.8
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index		Dec qr 88	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	152.7	7.2	161.9	8.3
All groups	index		Dec qr 88	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	174.5	6.7	186.2	7.7
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m		Nov 88	1,732.4	1,636.2	1,603.2	1,565.9	1,571.5	10.2	6,507.8	10.7
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million		Oct 88	36.8	37.3	42.7	37.5	35.7	0.3	174	11.5
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m		Oct 88	378	372	366	318	336	11.8	1,543	16.0
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes		Oct 88	44,791	41,557	44,286	44,836	35,526	26.1	66,130	15.2
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m		Oct 88	3,316	3,416	3,334	3,401	3,376	-0.2	3,798	-4.1
Cars & station wagons	'000		Oct 88	18.1	19.0	20.3	17.3	19.7	-0.9	34.1	4.8
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes		Oct 88	795	952	884	837	1,143	-30.4	1,659	-26.9
- Wool	tonnes		Oct 88	1,508	1,515	1,480	1,511	1,502	0.0	2,070	-0.5
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m		Oct 88	1,592	1,977	1,953	1,500	2,040	-22.0	3,045	-25.0
- Woollen	'000 sq.m		Oct 88	282	258	363	268	348	-19.0	894	-11.3
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m		Oct 88	7,538	7,443	7,445	6,826	7,477	0.9	15,722	6.9
Electricity	million kWh		Oct 88	3,098	2,727	2,893	2,869	2,848	8.8	11,934	5.3
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m		Dec 88	1,172.3	1,430.1	1,365.2	1,185.4	1,218.1	-3.8	3,271.9	-8.9
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m		Nov 88	702.2	677.9	677.8	631.9	692.6	1.4	3,578.9	6.7
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.		Dec 88	2,889	3,273	2,988	3,304	2,555	13.1	10,427	11.1
New other residential building	No.		Dec 88	387	324	295	238	392	-1.3	3,512	48.1
Value of all building	\$m		Dec 88	730.5	687.6	547.9	562.6	419.0	74.3	2,319.1	34.3
Commencements -											
New houses	No.		Sep qr 88	8,350	7,330	6,720	7,230	6,100	36.9	34,160	45.1
Value of new houses	\$m		Sep qr 88	655.1	557.0	520.2	523.1	436.5	50.1	2,442.5	62.3
New other residential buildings	No.		Sep qr 88	1,294	1,034	1,298	1,061	1,070	20.9	10,952	47.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m		Sep qr 88	70.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	57.3	23.0	709.9	75.0
Value of non-residential building	\$m		Sep qr 88	697.4	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	713.3	-2.2	3,318.8	27.1
Value of all building	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,537.3	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	1,309.8	17.4	6,887.7	42.2
Work done in period	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,600.7	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	1,390.6	15.1	6,367.2	24.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index		Nov 88	124.6	123.4	122.6	121.6	112.9	10.4	124.8	11.4
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index		Nov 88	210.2	208.1	206.2	204.2	190.2	10.5	213.4	9.8
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.		Nov 88	14,441	11,169	12,012	13,655	7,343	96.7	52,980	49.6
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.		Nov 88	12,271	9,102	10,341	11,621	6,204	97.8	42,183	45.6
Motor cycles	No.		Nov 88	2,170	2,067	1,671	2,034	1,139	90.5	10,797	67.6
	No.		Nov 88	577	135	252	274	217	165.9	1,862	21.5
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m		Dec 88	23,401	22,526	21,977	22,587	20,731	12.9	67,628	17.7
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m		Nov 88	6,390	6,187	5,730	5,663	5,595	14.2	22,129	9.3
Fixed deposits	\$m		Nov 88	9,112	8,743	7,880	7,743	7,927	15.0	33,376	11.6
Advances	\$m		Nov 88	17,108	17,034	16,301	15,659	15,229	12.3	55,657	12.6
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m		Nov 88	35,272	35,565	34,579	34,187	33,585	5.1	175,776	9.1
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m		Nov 88	644.2	528.9	497.2	596.4	421.4	52.9	2,433.2	53.7
Savings banks	\$m		Nov 88	483.3	396.2	375.0	441.4	303.9	59.0	1,690.9	63.3
Trading banks	\$m		Nov 88	52.4	37.0	36.8	47.3	34.1	53.7	294.2	75.4
Permanent building societies	\$m		Nov 88	75.2	67.6	63.0	74.0	65.9	14.1	345.4	15.4
Other lenders	\$m		Nov 88	33.2	28.1	22.4	33.7	17.6	88.6	102.7	27.1
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)											
Manufacturing	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,551	1,786	1,426	1,716	1,437	7.9	6,006	10.0
Finance	\$m		Sep qr 88	545	790	592	626	591	-7.8	1,630	-4.2
New building and structures	\$m		Sep qr 88	532	486	425	541	414	25.8	1,733	34.5
Other new capital equipment	\$m		Sep qr 88	547	553	402	537	440	24.3	2,311	17.8
	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,004	1,233	1,024	1,179	997	0.7	3,695	5.7

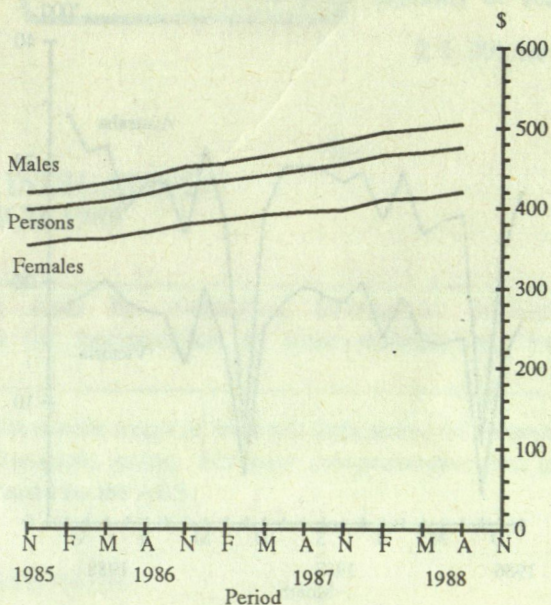
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.



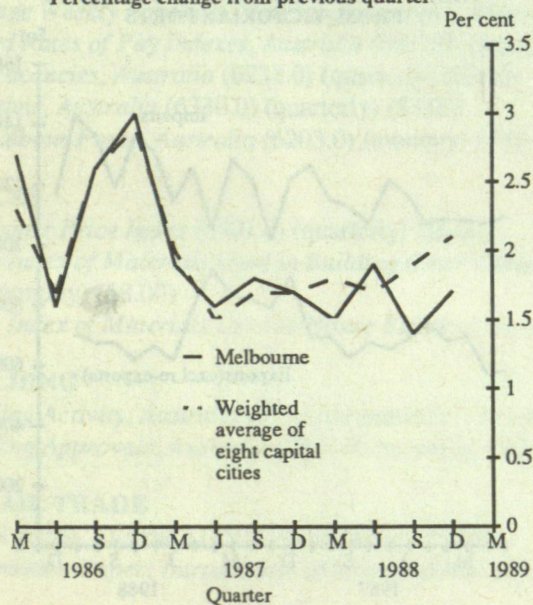
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POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER



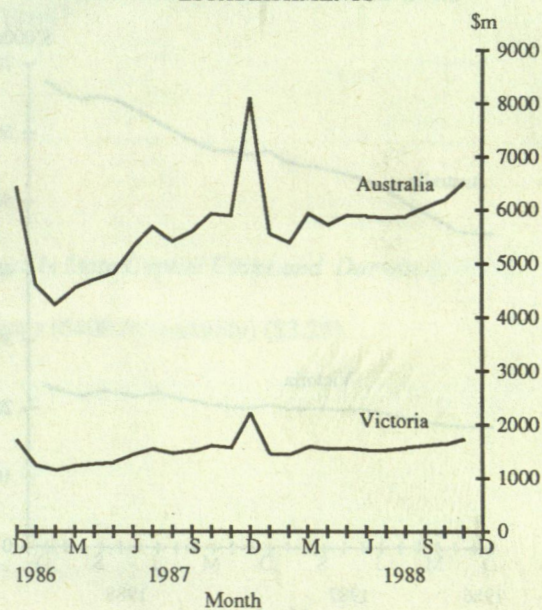
FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY  
ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA



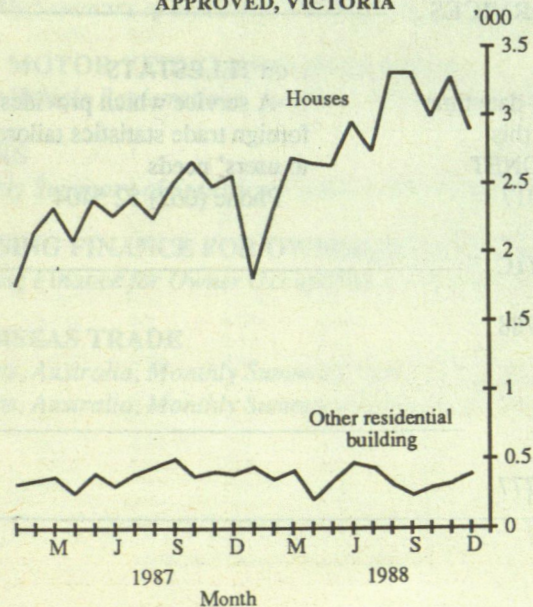
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS  
Percentage change from previous quarter



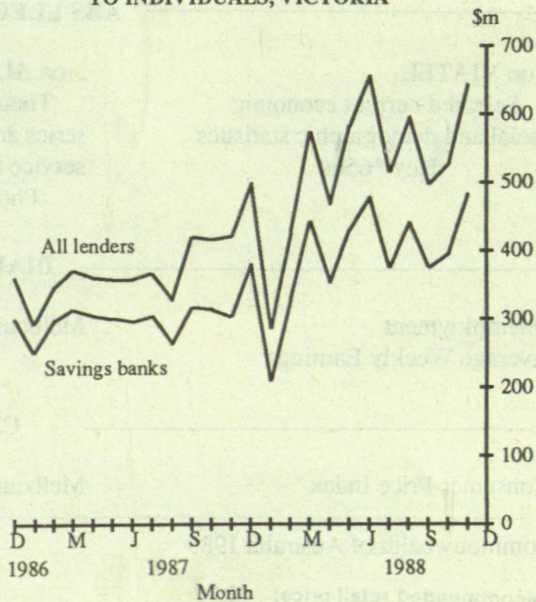
TURNOVER OF RETAIL  
ESTABLISHMENTS



NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS  
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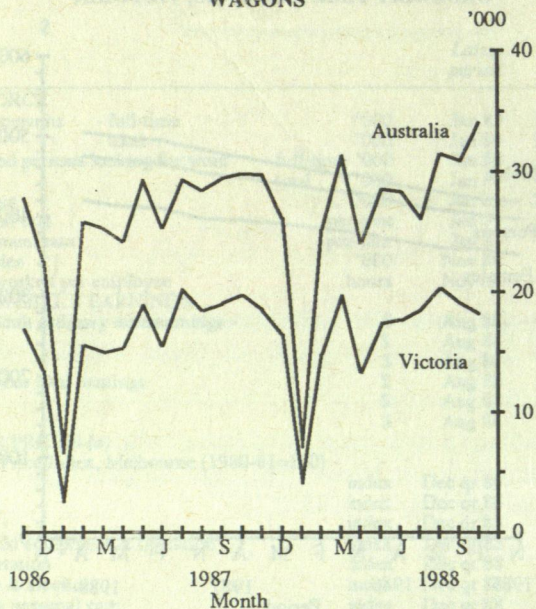


SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS  
TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA

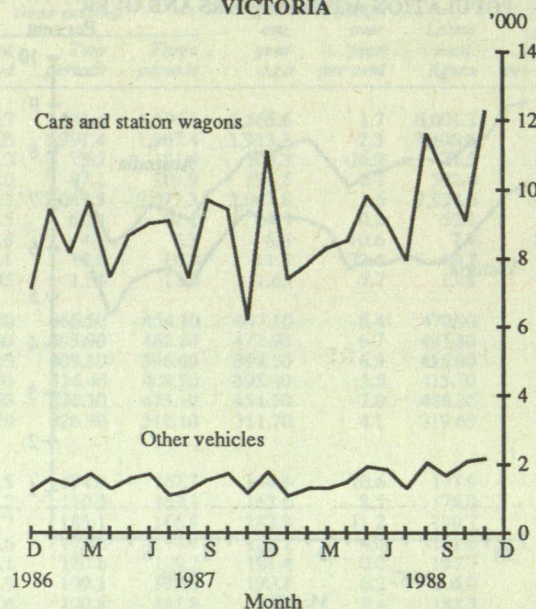




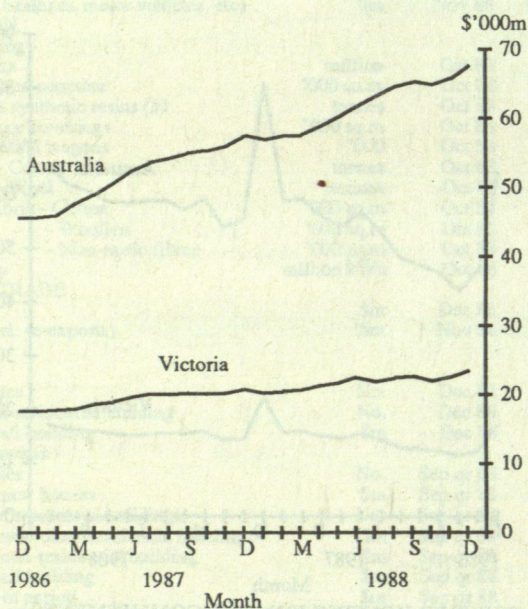
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION  
WAGONS



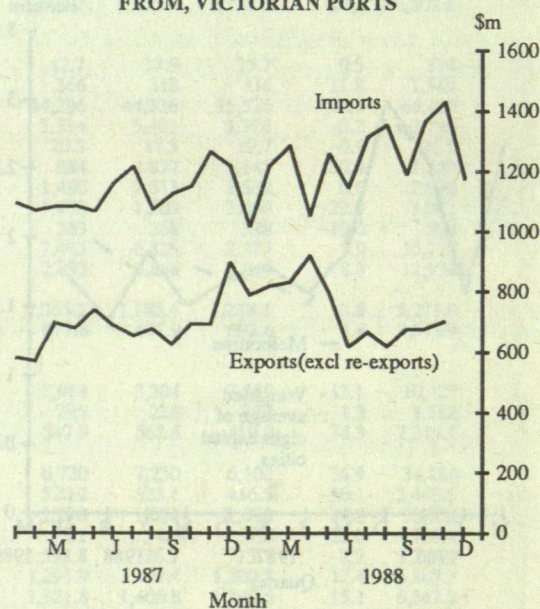
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,  
VICTORIA



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS  
FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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